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the oxygen absorbing agent particles comprise a reducing iron powder and a layer of an oxidation promoter or a catalyst which sticks to the surfaces of the reducing iron powder, the oxygen absorbent agent particles having an average particle diameter of 10 to 50 μm as measured by a laser scattering method, and having a flat or spindle-like shape.

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4. (Amended) An oxygen-absorbing resin composition according to claim 1, wherein either the incompatible thermoplastic resins and/or the elastomers are propylene polymers (A) and the other ones are ethylene polymers (B), the blend thereof having a weight ration (A:B) of from 100:1 to 1:1.

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8. (Twice amended) An oxygen-absorbing resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the oxygen absorbing agent particles have the oxidation promoter or the catalyst which is present in an amount of 0.1 to 5% by weight of the reducing iron powder, and have a specific surface area of at least 0.5 m^2/g and an apparent density of not larger than 2.2 g/cc .

Please add the following new claims:

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16. (New) An oxygen-absorbing resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the oxygen absorbing agent particles have an aspect ratio (short axis/long axis) of 0.6 or below, which are being present in an amount of at least 50%, and have a compression degree of at least 20%.
